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WEEKLY RECAP

Green New Deal The Green New Deal, sponsored by Senator Ed Markey (D-MA) came up 60 votes short in the Senate, failing by a vote of 0-57.

Hearings Dave Ross, OW, testified before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works regarding PFAS on March 28th. More information [[HYPERLINK "https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=918A6066-C1F1-4D81-A5A0-F08BBE06D40B"](https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/hearings?ID=918A6066-C1F1-4D81-A5A0-F08BBE06D40B)].

Office of Research and Development PDAA Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta testified before the House Science, Space and Technology committee on the IRIS program on March 27th. More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://science.house.gov/hearings/epas-iris-program-reviewing-its-progress-and-roadblocks-ahead"](https://science.house.gov/hearings/epas-iris-program-reviewing-its-progress-and-roadblocks-ahead)].

Meetings Steven Cook and OCIR met with Congressman Amodei regarding Anaconda Mine on March 26.

RA Jim Gulliford and OCIR met with Senator Grassley and Reps. Watkins (KS), Davids (KS), Loeb sack (IA) and Finkenauer (IA) from March 26-28.

Brett Huber, Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Dunleavy (AK) met with Matt Leopold and David Fotouhi to discuss Fairbanks PM2.5 and 404(c)'s effects on the Bristol Bay Watershed on March 27.

The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) met March 27-29. OW participated in a WOTUS panel.

The Office of Water participated at The US Conference of Mayors' Mayors Water Council meetings in Columbus, OH on March 28 and 29.

LOOK-A-HEAD

Apr. 1 OW and OCIR will brief EPA on Water Quality Trading.

Apr. 2 Administrator Wheeler will testify before the House Appropriations Committee on the FY2020 Budget proposal. More information is available [[HYPERLINK "https://appropriations.house.gov/legislation/hearings/budget-environmental-protection-agency"](https://appropriations.house.gov/legislation/hearings/budget-environmental-protection-agency)].

Apr. 3 Administrator Wheeler will appear before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies regarding the FY2020 Presidential Budget.



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Apr. 4 Administrator Wheeler will meet with House E&C GOP members.

Apr. 5 Administrator Wheeler will travel to Miami for a WIFIA loan Announcement

Apr. 9 Administrator Wheeler will testify before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on the FY2020 Budget proposal.

May 2-3 The LGAC Spring meeting will convene at EPA's East Building 1153 Hearing room.

STORIES OF INTEREST

CONGRESS:

- Senate committee, EPA debate urgency of chemical response [[HYPERLINK "https://www.theintell.com/news/20190328/senate-committee-epa-debate-urgency-of-chemical-response"](https://www.theintell.com/news/20190328/senate-committee-epa-debate-urgency-of-chemical-response)]
- Trump loyalist Cramer wants energy 'grand bargaining' [[HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060132941"](https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060132941)]
- Senate blocks Green New Deal [[HYPERLINK "https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/435899-senate-blocks-green-new-deal"](https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/435899-senate-blocks-green-new-deal)]
- EPA appointee heads to State [[HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060134223/"](https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060134223/)]